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SUP. DIMITRIJEVIC RENEWS HER CALL FOR A FULL-TIME SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR

Introduces resolution to create full-time position to carry out Green Print

Milwaukee, WI –Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic is introducing a resolution for consideration during the County Board’s January cycle to renew her call to comply with the adopted Green Print legislation which creates a full-time Sustainability Director to implement the Green Print’s goals.

“Although the Green Print was enacted more than three years ago, a dedicated Sustainability Director for Milwaukee County was never fully implemented. That has been a major obstacle as we strive to identify innovative, money saving initiatives to help address our fiscal challenges,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “The outgoing administration did not allocate the resources necessary for this position, so I am renewing my effort in hopes that new leadership will make this a priority.”

Energy savings, grants and other non-county revenue will offset half of the funding for the new position, and the remaining portion is already budgeted in the 2011 County Budget. Many other counties and municipalities, including the City of Milwaukee, have created similar full-time positions.

“The lack of a dedicated Sustainability Director to carry out the Green Print and other environmental initiatives is keeping us from identifying additional grant opportunities and cost-savings measures,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “While the County currently has a half-time Sustainability Engineer who does a great job with limited resources, a full-time Director will have twice the positive impact.”

The Green Print, unanimously approved by the County Board and signed into law in 2007, set the stage for Milwaukee County to become more environmentally responsible. So far, the Green Print has reduced the County’s annual electricity consumption by \$800,000 and its water consumption by 100 million gallons per year.

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